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 "HANKOW,"3,073 ".....C. V. Lloyd.
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 This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 8 A.M., and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

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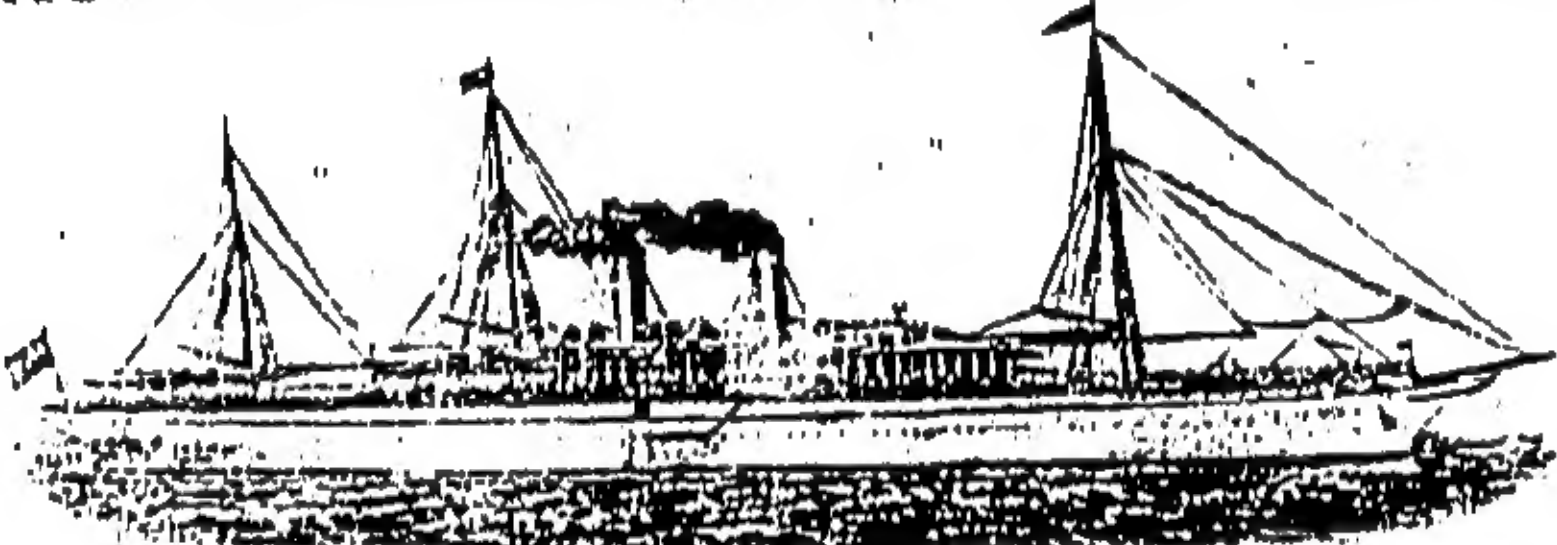
One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M. calling at Yunkai, Mahning, Kumchuk, Kau-Kong, Samshui, Howlik, Shui-Hing, Luk-Po, Luk-To, Lo-Ting-Hau, Tak-Hing, Doshing and Fong-Chuen. Departures from Wuchow for Canton calling at the above ports every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8.30 A.M.

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 Hongkong, 31st July, 1905.

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"TARTAR"	4,425	W. Davison, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 13th Sept.
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000	N. Pybus, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 20th Sept.
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 18th Oct.
"ATHENIAN"	2,440	S. Robinson, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 1st Nov.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
SPEZIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	20th August. Freight.
Ehlers	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
LIBERIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th Sept. Freight.
Scanders	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
RHENANIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	8th Sept. Freight and Passengers.
Förck	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
SCANDIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	20th Sept. Freight and Passengers.
v. Doehren	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	4th October. Freight and Passengers.
Bahle	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
SLAVONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	18th October. Freight and Passengers.
Madsen	(Calling at SP'ORE, PENANG & COLOMBO).	
VANDALIA	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.	about begin-ning of Oct. Freight.

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 Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

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 Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ HEINRICH	FRIDAY, 18th August.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th August.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 13th September.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 27th September.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 11th October.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 25th October.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 8th November.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 22nd November.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 6th December.

ON FRIDAY, the 18th day of August, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship **PRINZ HEINRICH**, Capt. P. Grosch, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 7 P.M. on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on THURSDAY, the 17th instant.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcel's should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to alteration.)

STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3,302	TUESDAY, 22nd August.
WILHELM	4,761	TUESDAY, 19th September.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	3,227	TUESDAY, 17th October.

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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WILHELM	TUESDAY, 29th August.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th August.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ROON	WEDNESDAY, 30th August.

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 Hongkong, 14th August, 1905.

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 THE steamers sail from HONGKONG to SAMSHUI, SHUIHING, TAKHING and WUCHOW. They pass through the Canton delta, and steam up about 150 miles through the gorges, and beautiful scenery of the West River.
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Hongkong, 5th July, 1905.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills, drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M., on the 16th August, 1905.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

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F. H. HAYNES,
 Colonel, A.F.D.,
 H.M. Treasury Chest Officer.

His Majesty's Treasury Office,
 Fletcher Street,
 Hongkong,
 Hongkong, 11th August, 1905.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1905.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

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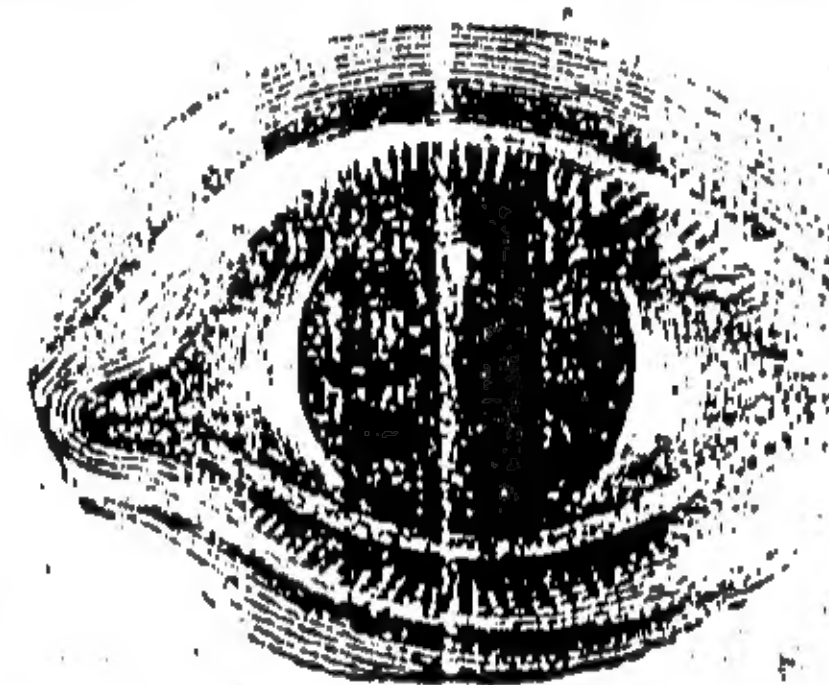
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Hongkong, 12th July, 1905.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"BAYVIEW, MACAO."

Macao, 7th June, 1905.

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1905.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1905.

POUR PASSER LE TEMPS.

Some time ago, a correspondent in our columns referred to the lack of evening outdoor musical entertainments, and made various suggestions on the subject. Naturally his was a voice crying in the wilderness, for the want of initiative which is characteristic of those who reside in Victoria precluded the hope that any venture which meant an exhibition of public spirit was likely to reach a successful conclusion. It would seem, indeed, as if the people of Hongkong, after the weary round of the day's toil, are content to vegetate, unless disinterested outsiders come forward of their own free will and arrange matters. At the time when our correspondent made his suggestion, we recalled the fact that the Volunteers, in previous years, had done something towards enlivening the long evenings by giving open air concerts; but it was doubtful then whether the scheme would form a precedent. Fortunately, it now appears that the Volunteers are to follow the practice they established, and it is announced that on Saturday first a programme of musical selections will be given, admission to the grounds being obtained on payment of a trifling charge. It happens that at present Hongkong is provided with various forms of entertainment—which is quite in accordance with the irony of fate—but we can only trust that the Volunteers' scheme will be so patronised that they will be induced to give a repetition of their programme. In the hot season, attendance at the average indoor entertainment means that half the pleasure is lost on account of the discomfort which has to be endured. But the open-air concert, if properly managed, should prove a source of unalloyed enjoyment. In these circumstances, the musical performance to be given under the auspices of the Volunteer Corps is worthy of every support and encouragement, and we trust it will be made evident to them that Hongkong is ready to patronise and appreciate the enterprise which they have promoted.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ONE dog-shooter in Penang is said to have accounted for an average of four Chinamen to every dog.

One case of plague, making the 279th since the beginning of the year, was notified in the return issued to-day.

LIEUTENANT-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B., and Royal West Kent Regiment, will be struck off the strength of the command from the 19th inst., inclusive.

THE report of the Pasteur Institute at Batavia for the year 1904 has just been issued. During the year 228 Europeans and 364 natives were admitted to the Institute for treatment. All the Europeans recovered and only a few natives succumbed.

LEAVE of absence on private affairs to the neighbouring countries has been granted to the undermentioned officers: 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment—Lieutenant and Quarter Master T. Sumner, from 31st inst. to 4th October; 129th Baluchis—Major A. E. Hatch, Lieutenant C. E. Borton and Lieutenant F. A. Maclean, from 15th to 19th inst.

UNDER instructions from the mortgagee, Mr. Geo. P. Lammert put up for sale by auction to-day, the leasehold property known as No. 4, Alveston Terrace, containing 2,799 square feet, together with the message or tenement built thereon. These premises are held for the residue of the term of 999 years. Bidding commenced at \$10,000 and rose steadily by bids of \$100 each until \$13,600 was reached, at which figure it was knocked down to Mr. Ju Kin Cho, merchant.

AN action for \$648, being the balance due for coals supplied to the steamship *Hotching*, was heard by his Honour Mr. A. G. Wine, Puisne Judge, in the Summary Jurisdiction Court to-day. The parties were the King Hom firm, Wing Wo Street, plaintiffs; and the Wong Lee firm, defendants. Mr. E. A. Bonner, of Denny & Bowley, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Brytton, Hett & Goldring, represented the defendants. When the case was called, Mr. Goldring said he consented to judgment. His Lordship said: "Judgment for plaintiffs with costs." The hearing lasted nearly two and a half seconds.

AT Shanghai, Mr. Sandow offered to pit an Indian against a Japanese for \$1,000, two straight falls in the Japanese style of wrestling. Mr. Mosser announced that he had accepted the challenge.

Mr. G. E. Morrell, of the Crown Solicitor's office, appeared before Mr. Orme this morning to prosecute two Sanitary Board coolies and three dock labourers for assaulting Chau Cheuk Kam and Mak Hon Ho, at 32, Pokfulam Road, last night. The first defendant, Pun Kwan, a Sanitary Board coolie, was also charged with stealing the sum of \$208, the property of Chau Cheuk Kam, at the same time and place. Mr. Morrell applied for a remand which was granted until Thursday, next at noon. Bail was refused.

ACCORDING to the Bangkok Times, the present Opium Farm has not been making a fortune so far, though for that matter the contract is generally understood to have been entered upon with knowledge that a loss was to be expected in the first year. The journal understands that, following the precedent set last year in the Straits and Hongkong, the Farm is petitioning for at least a variation in the terms of its contract, if not a reduction in the amount it has to pay the Government.

IN connection with the Wingard Challenge Cup, mentioned in our issue last evening, we understand that the following Clubs have entered:—Hankow, Tientsin, Swatow, Hongkong, Foochow, Shanghai, Gun Club and Storman's Gun Club. More entries are expected. The winning team will have the custody of the Inter-Port Cup for one year. The members of such team to be given an individual Cup which shall be as nearly as possible a miniature facsimile of the Cup. An entrance fee of \$5 to be paid by the member of the teams; the winning club to pay balance of the cost of replicas.

PEITANG was never more popular than this present year, writes the correspondent of the N. C. D. News. Along the whole coast, there must be at least five hundred people enjoying the advantages of this delightful location. The Committee on the Wenli version of the Bible meets here this year. The Committee consists of Mrs. Sheffield and Wherry of North China, and Messrs. Pearce and Lloyd of Canton and Foochow. Next week, the Mission of the American Board holds its annual meeting here; also the American Presbyterian Mission and the North-China Tract Society. Following these meetings will come the Conference of Christian Workers.

THE other day about 200 Russians from Khabarovsk (Saghalien) passed here and now it is reported that over 1,000 Russians are expected to come over to Shanghai where they will make a short stay. A certain foreign merchant who attends to the board and lodging of the Russians has received an intimation that the Russians now expected are a quite different class from those who came here before and they can live in a camp and the said merchant bought ground in Yangtsepoos district, and after due consultation and arrangement with the Russian authorities is engaged in constructing camps for them. It is believed the Russians are either Gossacks or the natives of Siberia.—The Universal Gazette.

Two weeks ago we recorded the case of an old Chinese woman who was charged with trying to commit suicide by jumping into the sea, and who was remanded to be kept under medical observation. She was produced before Mr. Hazeland this morning, the asylum authorities having found her to be of perfectly sound mind. Inspector Langley stated that the woman's only relatives discoverable in the colony were a nephew and niece, but they positively declined to have anything whatever to do with her. The Magistrate bound the woman over in a personal bond in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months. He asked the inspector to try and get the relatives to look after her.

POLICE officers visited a house in Wanchai on Saturday and looked as though the full force of a young typhoon had been expended in one of the rooms. Clothing was strewn all over the place; boxes were broken, drawers damaged and everything in a state of topsyturvydom. A cook who was lying huddled in a corner, had reported the entry of burglars to one of the coolies living in the place; hence the presence of the police. Whoever committed the robbery got away with most of the valuables, and although the cook said he had been roughly handled his hide exhibited no signs of maltreatment. He pointed out an offending coolie as one of the robbers, but this gentleman established an alibi and was set at liberty. On the way to the Canton wharf to find the robbers the cook became ill and died shortly after, from what was found to be beri-beri. The police are very dubious about the reported robbery especially as deceased was known to be greatly in want of funds.

WHEN Sergeant Gordon, of Samsuipo police station, arrested a youthful Chinaman yesterday on the charge of stealing a jacket, he was quite unaware of the importance of his capture. When taken to the station and confronted with several recent complaints the boy was identified as the person who had committed a startling series of burglaries and robberies in the district of Gun Club Hill, Kowloon. The charges were that between 8th and 14th inst., he had committed (1) an armed robbery with violence, (2) a highway robbery with violence, (3) three burglaries, with assault, and finally returning from banishment to which he had been sentenced in March last for armed robbery.—His Worship, after hearing the enumeration of the charges, and taking evidence of the arrest of the accused, said that as robbery with violence, if brought home to the accused, was sufficient to send him to penal servitude for life, it would be advisable to take one of those cases first, so that if a conviction was secured the other charges could of course be withdrawn. The case was then remanded until to-morrow.

THE CHINESE COMMERCIAL UNION

AND AMERICAN BOYCOTT.

There has been a great deal of misconception and, therefore, many wrong impressions arising from reports which have appeared in connection with the proposed meeting which was to have been held on Saturday last by the Chinese Commercial Union in Hongkong. With a view of ascertaining the exact facts with reference to the question we have approached one of the leading and, certainly, one of the most influential members of the Chinese community from whom we have elicited the following information.

On Tuesday of last week Mr. Fung Wa Chun, chairman of the Chinese Commercial Union, together with three well-known and influential members of the Chinese community, conferred with Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., in regard to the attitude which the Chinese commercial class in the Colony may assume with reference to the movement originated in Shanghai for the boycott of American goods by reason of the new American Chinese Exclusion Treaty. The result of the conference was that Mr. Pollock was instructed to draft a letter to Government asking for permission from His Excellency the Governor to hold a "public meeting" of the Chinese in Hongkong, at the Chinese Commercial Union under section 51 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1888.

After the receipt of Counsel's opinion and the draft of the proposed letter to Government, a notice was inserted in the vernacular press convening a meeting of the members of the Union (not the public be it noted) for Saturday, the 12th inst., at noon, at which it was the intention of the members of the committee to bring forward a resolution to the effect that the chairman of the Union be instructed to formally apply to Government for the statutory permit to hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing the advisability or otherwise of adherence to the boycott in accordance with a request that had been preferred from the original centre of the movement in Shanghai.

Before the appointed hour of the meeting on Saturday, to be precise at 12 o'clock noon, the Hon. Mr. F. A. Irving, the Registrar-General *pro tem*, summoned Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Ho Tai Sang (Ho Kom Tong), and Mr. Chan Kung Tse to his office at Beaufield. While these gentlemen were in conference with the Protector of Chinese the Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, the Colonial Secretary vice the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, absent on leave, made his appearance. It was evident that the intention of the hon. gentleman's visit to the Registrar-General's office was for the purpose of declaring the Government's views of the proposed meeting for that afternoon; for Mr. Sercombe Smith proceeded to inform the Chinese gentlemen present that the Hon. the Attorney General had advised the Government that the meeting called for that afternoon by the Committee of the Chinese Commercial Union could not be lawfully held, as the law officer of the Crown held the proposed meeting to be a "public meeting."

It should here be explained that in the advertisement calling the meeting the term 同人 Tong Pan, which, literally translated, means "members" and not "the public," appears to have been misinterpreted so as to give it the latter signification. Hence arose the misconception which construed the meeting of the members of the Union for last Saturday afternoon to be a public meeting.

Before the Chinese gentlemen retired they were handed a written document, by the Registrar-General, prohibiting the holding of the proposed meeting that day, notwithstanding the fact that explanations were forthcoming to the effect that the meeting, which was proposed to be held, was not to be a public meeting in the strict sense of the term, but a meeting exclusively confined to the members of the Union. In spite of the declarations of these gentlemen the Colonial Secretary persisted in the view which the Government held and over-ruled the question in regard to the proposition for the meeting the same afternoon, although he held out the verbal consent that a private meeting might be held any time next week. Thereupon the representatives of the Chinese Commercial Union retired from the Registrar-General's sanctum.

At 3 p.m. on the 12th—the hour appointed for the meeting—there were from 200 to 300 members of the Chinese community assembled in the hall of the Union. An outside figure of the number present was 300, although we have seen it variously stated at 800 and upwards.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun, the chairman of the Union, forthwith took the chair, and proceeded to explain that Government held that the meeting could not take place. He subsequently read a letter from the Registrar-General to this effect. It is clear that even if such an intimation had not been served on Mr. Fung and his colleagues on the board of the Union, there could have been no intention on the part of the committee to proceed with the discussion of any question under the published notice since there were many present who were not entitled to be there inasmuch as they were not members of the Union.

Soon after the reading of the official announcement the mass present proceeded to cheer at and revile Mr. Fung for the statement he had just made. Voices were heard and statements made derogatory to the character of the gentleman in the chair for refusing to proceed with the meeting which was not in his power to hold.

Public sympathy must be with Mr. Fung since the perfectly constitutional attitude which he had taken in the matter, aided by the counsel of his colleagues, was such as to place them quite within the letter as well as the spirit of the law. As a matter of fact, no meeting for the discussion of any question at all was held on Saturday last, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

On the following day, i.e. Sunday, slanderous placards were posted throughout the city containing vituperations aimed at Mr. Fung Wa Chun, and anonymous letters were received by him, one of which threatened his life. But the value of these libellous publications can be appreciated when it is stated that well-informed, intelligent, and respected members of the Chinese community denounced the anonymous authors and disclaim any responsibility for statements worthy only of the lowest of the rabble crowd.

The meeting of the Committee of the Chinese Commercial Union was duly held yesterday forenoon with the result as reported in our issue of the same evening.

SITUATION AT CANTON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 14th August.

It is still uncertain what the outcome of the attempted boycott will be. The agitators are still at work. It is reported that the date for the beginning of the boycott has been fixed for the 15th, of the eighth moon, but it seems to be difficult to get the merchants to commit themselves. Several merchants have refused to join the movement, and efforts are being made to bring these into line. Agents have been sent to many of the cities in the country about Canton to work up the merchants to join the movement. The success attending these efforts has not been encouraging. Chan Tsun, a large business centre fifteen miles south-west from Canton, refused to take any part in the boycott. Chan Tsun buys goods direct from Hongkong. The merchants of Tai Leung, the capital of the Shun Tak district, say the boycott does not concern them and they will not join the movement. A small placard has been put up in Canton calling attention of the merchants that American "globe-trotters" buy a great many curious and a large quantity of grass cloth, silk and embroidery. Also firecrackers and other merchandise are sent to California. The questions asked "How will the Chinese like it if Americans refuse to buy these goods?" It seems now as if Canton has the making or spoiling of this boycott. And yet Canton is the part of the empire most interested. Unless Canton can be brought into line quickly the chances for success are small. It should be said that the leaders of this movement are confident of success. The delay only means that plans for a complete boycott are not yet ready. When full preparation has been made and the doubters have been won over the boycott will be effective. It would certainly be unfortunate to let the matter drop now. The Chinese have right on their side. They have much to gain and little to lose. A determined stand now will gain not only a better treaty but gain for the Chinese a higher measure of respect from other nations. It will also give the Chinese a better idea of their power. Every well-wisher of China must wish the Chinese success in this movement.

THE BOYCOTT IN BANGKOK.

At Bangkok on the 2nd inst. a further large meeting of Chinese was held to give adherence to the American boycott. The meeting was very representative, including many well-known and influential townsmen. Swatow people were in force.

A number of speakers addressed the gathering which enthusiastically supported them. Those present were earnestly enjoined to have nothing whatever to do with Americans or anything American, and resolutions to the following effect were passed unanimously:—

(1) That all Chinese present refuse to deal with American firms, or in American goods, until the abolition of the exclusion law; and (2) that all coolies shall be warned not to assist in unloading American oil, and merchants will refuse to deal in it if landed.

This latter resolution had special reference to a big shipment of American oil now on its way to Bangkok, says the local Times.

The resolutions were at once wired to the Chinese Government, to the viceroy of Kwangtung and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai.

The boycott seems now to be more or less in force, and is being taken perhaps more seriously than was at first expected, remarks the Bangkok Times of the 3rd inst. Chinese have in some cases given notice that they must sever their present connections with Americans, and there seems to be some expectation that domestic servants will be ordered to leave American households. The last seems certainly unnecessary, from any rational standpoint.

AT YOKOHAMA.

Tokio, 8th August.

The boycott by the Chinese at Yokohama affects five categories: steamship companies, banks, insurance offices, mercantile houses, and their employees. The boycott of the first three is resolved on; it is in abeyance as to the two latter, pending the receipt of a documentary guarantee from Shanghai that the exchange of American money is not included in the prohibitions.

The Americans here are arranging to combat the monopoly of tailoring now held by the Chinese in Yokohama.

Some of the members of the American Asiatic Association are proposing to make strong representations to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the California Board of Trade.

The papers here deprecate strong measures as premature, according to the well-defined rule in international dealings.—N. C. D. News.

A WARNING.

The Universal Gazette published in its leading article a warning to its readers that although Chinese are within their rights to inaugurate a boycott on American goods as a means of showing the spirit of the nation to outsiders there must be a limit; and it fears that the decision to forbid the purchase or sale of American goods that have already been contracted for will do a great deal of harm to the Chinese; on the other hand, it will not hurt the Americans in the least for the present.

In other words, it has been estimated by well-known business men that there are not less than between forty and fifty million taels' worth of goods of all kinds that were contracted for by Chinese merchants prior to the 29th of July last from the United States, which according to previous decision must be taken delivery of as the goods arrived in China. This huge amount must therefore—if the decision not to purchase or sell be carried out—be, as it were, "shelved" (to use the Chinese expression) and what will then be the result to the pockets of dealers in American goods and the Chinese at large by the locking-up of millions of taels, if the sale or purchase of the goods is short time, of these several tens of millions of taels, if the sale or purchase of the goods is not paid, but prohibited? American merchants cannot lose on the transaction, for they have been paid, but what will Chinese do with the goods on their hands?

TELEGRAM.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE PEACE TERMS.

RUSSIA'S PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE

OF JAPAN'S CONDITIONS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 15th August, 3 p.m.

The foreign correspondent of the Japanese journal *Kokumin* states that, in reply to Japan's stipulations for concluding the war, Russia accepts the transfer of her leases in the Liaotung peninsula; the evacuation of Manchuria; and the preponderance of Japanese interest in Corea.

Russia, however, opposes the accession of Saghalien; the relinquishment of her interned ships-of-war in neutral ports; the payment of an indemnity, and the limitation of her Navy in the Pacific.

THE ALLEGED MURDER AT SHANGHAI.

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The case against Cheung Fat for the murder of Shek Kam, at Shaikwan, on the 20th June last, was called on before Mr. F. A. Harland this afternoon. The evidence of Dr. W. Hunter, now ill in hospital, had been taken by the Magistrate and certified that the death of deceased was due to drowning; there were no marks of violence on the body.

Having first warned the accused in due form, his Worship asked him if he wished to make any statement. Prisoner said:—In the year before last I went once to the house of the deceased. I hired her boat to pass the night. Next morning her mother rowed me ashore. From that time till the middle of last year I frequently engaged her boat. Afterwards I did not hire her boat any more. The year before last I did ask her to be my sweetheart, but her mother refused. I did not quarrel with the deceased at all. The charge of murder against me is false. Her mother thought I was the man who killed her daughter, and had me arrested. I was sick at the time. The evidence of the other woman was not true. There were more than ten boats alongside the wharf; there were also a lot of people walking up and down. I never went on deceased's boat with two others. The constable who arrested me simply accused me. When he arrested me he asked me to tell him about the case of murder. I told him "I know nothing about it. I am sick." He said "If you don't know I will take you to see the inspector." All the police went to my shed, but found nothing when they searched. That is all.

The accused was then committed to take his trial on the capital charge at the next Criminal Sessions.

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL CO., LD.

The report of the directors for presentation to the shareholders at the fourth annual general meeting to be held at the Astor House Hotel, on 18th inst., is as follows:—To the Shareholders of the Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. Gentlemen.—The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and statement of account to you for the year 1904.

It will be seen that there is a disposable balance of \$87,344.43, which the directors propose to deal with as under:—

To pay a dividend of 10% .. 163,800.00
To place to a reserve a/c .. 14,516.39
To carry forward .. 908.04

Very ample depreciation has been allowed on buildings, plant, furniture, fixtures, cutlery, napery, etc., a sum of over \$16,000 having been written off these various accounts. A sum of \$3,000 has been reserved against bad and doubtful debts, or nearly 10% of the total outstanding, an amount which is hoped will not be fully required, but which the directors think advisable to set aside to meet all possible contingencies. The proportion of bad debts is now only about one half of one per cent.

Whilst they regret being unable to recommend a larger dividend than that paid last year, the directors anticipate that the shareholders will recognise that there has been a marked improvement in the business of the company during the past year. In making the recommendations as given above, the directors are influenced by the necessity, which confronts them, to introduce certain improvements in the public accommodation of the hotel.

The directors record with pleasure the satisfactory working of the staff. Mr. Levey took over the management of the hotel on his return from Australia in September, and the improved financial results achieved are in a very large measure due to his energetic and capable management.

Directorate.—Mr. A. W. Burkill resigned the chairmanship and his seat on the Board shortly before his departure for home; Mr. Cubitt also resigned owing to absence from Shanghai, but on his return was invited to rejoin the board, as also Mr. Ayscough. These appointments require the confirmation of the shareholders. Mr. Anderson retires by rotation, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. Thomson and Leake retire, but are willing to continue in office if re-elected.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Kunyang*) 16th inst.
German (*Prinzess*) 16th inst., 6 a.m.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 17th inst.
Australasian (*Changsha*) 19th inst.
French (*Ernest Simons*) 22nd inst.
Indian (*Lalrang*) 28th inst.
Canadian (*Tartar*) 30th inst.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Ernest Simons* with the next French mail via Saigon, at 4 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

The C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Lalrang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on 18th inst., and may be expected here on 28th inst. The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Heinrich* left Shanghai yesterday, at 6 a.m., via Foochow, and may be expected here on 17th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Athenian* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 p.m., on 14th inst., and left again at 3 a.m., Tuesday, for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m., on 16th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

[Russia.]

The Peace Proposals.

RUSSIAN DECLARATION.

LONDON, 13th August.

It is confirmed from Portsmouth that the Russian reply rejects the indemnity and cession of territory.

Russia declares that she is not vanquished; she has suffered reverses, but she is not obliged to accept peace and pay for the cost of the war, the responsibility of which she throws on Japan.

THE FIRST CLAUSE.

Later.

The latest from Portsmouth is, that the discussion on the first clause of the peace conditions lasted all Saturday afternoon, when it was adjourned; but the two main points, viz, the indemnity and the cession of Saghalien, are temporarily in abeyance.

SHIPPING JETSAM.

The passenger steamer *Wingchai*—Captain Austin—went into dry dock yesterday in order to undergo her annual survey. Her place on the run to Macao will be taken by the *Kwong-tung* and the *Kwongchow*, which will leave Hongkong at the usual hour, 7.30 a.m., except on Saturdays when the boats leave at 6 p.m.

Under instructions from the Official Receiver Messrs. Hughes and Hough, put up for sale by public auction, at Causeway Bay, at noon today the steam launch *Comptroller*, formerly known as the *Courier*. The *Comptroller* length is 53 feet eight inches, breadth 11 feet, depth five feet three inches; tonnage, gross, 22 tons. There were only three bidders present, and the launch was knocked down at \$1,700 to Mr. L. F. Cooke, head of the well-known coal-merchants of that name in this Colony.

The marine superintendent of the E. and A. Mail line (Captain S. Green) is one of the most popular officials in Sydney's shipping world. The other day he celebrated his 31st year in the company's employ, the occasion being marked by an impromptu gathering on the part of the captain's friends. He joined the company as second officer in 1874, and since then has reached the top of the ladder. Apart from the popularity which Captain Green enjoys amongst mercantile and shipping people, he has also been a successful alderman in the North Sydney Council, and it is not very long since, owing to the heavy duties of his office, that he resigned from the council.

There is a very novel and interesting little craft, newly built, lying in the Soochow Creek, just now, close to the Boat House, where she is having the finishing touches put to her fittings and equipment, in preparation for the exciting service for which she is intended. She is a motor-launch, as yet unnamed, which has been built in Shanghai to the order of the Salt Commissioners of this Province by the China General Engineering Company, and the work she will be engaged in is the arduous but adventurous task of suppressing the salt-smugglers who operate on the creeks and lakes in the neighbourhood of Soochow and Wusich, and it may be incidentally mentioned, make a very good thing out of their romantic trade too.—*China Gazette*.

Regarding the steamer *Cucille*, the *Japan Mail* of the 1st August says:—There is some curiosity about this steamer. It is recalled that Baron Kriegerstein, by whom she was chartered, had acted as correspondent with both the Japanese and the Russian armies. He fell into Japanese hands after or during the battle of Mukden, and was of course released as a non-combatant. Japanese journals are now asking what function the *Cucille* can have been discharging when she steamed along the coast of Japan and entered Russian ports. Her ready access to the latter suggests that she possessed a Russian permit of some kind but it is noted that Baron Kriegerstein took care to carry all the ship's papers and his own documents to Petropavlovsk when she ran aground and to avoid Japanese scrutiny—as far as possible. Correspondents who sail under two flags do not inspire much confidence, and it must be confessed that the doings of Baron Kriegerstein and the *Cucille* invite explanation, especially as he was a reserve officer in the German service.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN DISTURBANCE IN HONAN.

News has been received by the mandarins in Shan, that from K'iaofang, the capital of Honan province, to the effect that two regiments of troops stationed at Tung-kuan (the hill pass where the frontiers of three provinces, viz. H. K. nan, Shansi and Shensi, meet) revolted on the 1st instant, and joining a large mob of anti-Christian rioters, have captured the city of Sui-shianghsien. The Governor of Honan has sent several regiments to the scene of disturbances and has asked the Governors of Shansi and Shensi provinces to assist, owing to the large size of the mob, which is being organised by the revolted troops, and being daily reinforced, so that it is reported that the rioters are now at least 30,000 strong.—*N. C. D. News*.

[This confirms the wire printed in our columns a few days since. We have heard nothing of a reported anti-Christian rising in Hunan.—Ed. H.K.T.]

ACCORDING to a London paper there has been a "kimono craze" in that city this season. "The Japanese kimono is now the acknowledged theatre and dance 'wrap' for young girls, and, specially cut to suit the Occident, it is extremely becoming to all but matrons who have begun to lose their slenderness." The head of a firm of well-known mantle makers told a "Press" representative that the kimono—the genuine article from Japan—was worn to a certain extent as a dressing-gown before the war, but now it is being imitated very well in England, and used for evening parties of all kinds.

FITZGERALD'S CIRCUS.

A BRIGHT AND ENTERTAINING PERFORMANCE.

Fitzgerald's Circus opened at Causeway Bay last night in presence of an immense audience, which overflowed the boxes and was content with standing-room. A circus is very much the same, the wool I over, but there are one or two novel features at Fitzgerald's which give it precedence over the majority, and it is certainly the best that has been seen in Hongkong for many a day. Of course, it opened with a grand procession of gaily-caparioned horses and brilliantly-attired ladies—that inaugural march stamps the show as a circus if nothing else would, and as the horses are all fine up-standing Australians at Fitzgerald's the march past was rather more picturesque than usual.

Probably the greatest attractions at Fitzgerald's Circus are the lion and tiger equestrian acts. A great barred enclosure stands near the ring and here the wild animals make their entry and are put through their paces. If training is to count for anything, then the trainer of the lion has excelled himself. A more docile, good-natured, sociable creature could scarcely be found. At the interval last night, half the audience spent its time scratching the lion's head—not a very safe pastime one would think, but this lion is the exception to the rule. Indeed Prince, or "Jimmy" as his new-found admirers called him, was content to lie still and be tickled like a pet dog rather than a king of the forest glades. In the ring he had an easy task. He jumped on to the back of an elephant and stuck there, while the elephant stood in a ludicrous position on a barrel, trundled a tricycle, and unfurled the flags of the nations, and generally showed himself to be a highly-trained animal.

As for the tiger, although the audience was not inclined to become quite so familiar with the wild cat, it speedily got on good terms with the beast and shouted encouragement as it leapt from pillar to post. Herr Zupf, who is in charge of the animal section, may be highly complimented on the result of his training of the lion and tiger. But the best evidence of his skill was found in the performance of Lizz, the elephant. The intelligent brute performed most of the tricks which circus-goers have come to associate with elephants—and a great deal more. In company with a pony, the elephant played all manner of games and kept the audience happy.

In horsemanship, Fitzgerald's Circus is not inferior to any show that has been in the East. A hurricane hurdle act by Boy Lycurgus is a very clever performance; the Black Olympians give an artistic display of their fearlessness on horseback; while Will Henderson, who is described as "the resilient jockey" proved to be the best of the bunch. It is true that he failed repeatedly to accomplish a running jump upon the horse's back, but a good deal of latitude may be granted on a first night's entertainment after a sea voyage.

The Australian Ballerinas are a bevy of pretty girls, who are exceedingly nimble on their feet. Their two appearances are bright, dainty and attractive.

Mrs. P. Fitzgerald submitted a pretty effect with her pony and dogs. The accomplished animals went through a variety of manoeuvres, even a lot of dog which seemed to be a mere speck on the arena, negotiating the evolutions with a vim which set the spectators laughing. Manzoni's Dogs showed the degree of intelligence which can be developed in the canine race.

Among the other features of the entertainment were a comic cyclist's act, a trapeze performance, juggling by Miss Sybil Barron, Hattie Tabar's balancing feats, etc. Sandow has gone, it is true, but there are other strong men in the world and Dr. Gordon is one. He lifts horses with his teeth, flings three or four cwt. of iron around his shoulder, still with his teeth; snaps iron chains with his breast muscles; and tears links of steel in twain by sheer strength of arm. Truly, if Hongkong people do not become wrestlers, athletes, vulcans, amazons and all the rest of it, in little or no time, it will not be for lack of good examples.

A word might be said for the clowns. Everybody, with the exception of those whose minds were soaring in the ethereal and could not be bothered with mundane matters, laughed at the antics of the merryandrews. The little youngster of a clown who folded himself into a knot and was wheeled away in an improvised wheelbarrow was a new feature in the funny business.

Altogether Fitzgerald's Circus is worth visiting. It is a first-class show for all and sundry—and it is safe to say that the children who are taken there will talk of nothing else for a month afterwards. Last night the Circus was packed; the probability is that it will be packed every night of its stay in Hongkong.

At the National Rifle Association meeting at Bisleigh the contest for the MacKinnon Challenge Cup (10 shots at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards) resulted as follows:—Scotland 1,469; Canada 1,447; Transvaal 1,431; England 1,425; New Zealand 1,393 and Guernsey 1,370. The following were the results of the competition in 1904:—England, 1,435 points; Scotland, 1,424; New Zealand, 1,387; Wales, 1,383; Natal, 1,372; and Canada, 1,362.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 15th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer has risen in the Philippines, and fallen slightly over Formosa and the S.E. coast of China.

The Japanese returns are lacking, but probably the depression has advanced Northwards to the neighbourhood of the Loochoos. Pressure remains high over N. China.

Moderate W. and SW. winds are likely to prevail in Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—W. to SW. winds, light to moderate; fair.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At noon to-day the seventy-eighth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held at the office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central. There were present the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson (chairman), Messrs. N. A. Siebs, A. Haupt, E. Fuhrmann, H. Schubart, F. Salinger, and the Hon. Mr. R. Shewan (directors); Messrs. Thos. Arnold (secretary), L. S. Lewis, F. E. Ellis, J. Arnold, W. E. Clarke, G. T. Veitch, P. Tester, G. H. May, H. A. Siebs, W. G. Winterburn, H. Oldrip, Dr. J. Noble, G. de Champeaux, and L. Berindogoue.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose that, as usual, the report and accounts be taken as read, and as they in a measure speak for themselves I shall not detain you with many remarks. The result of the six months' working is certainly a poor one, but, as was stated at our last meeting, profitable working cannot be looked for under the prevailing conditions of the trade. The item of repairs is somewhat heavy; this, however, was to a great extent met by the amount brought forward from the previous half-year, so that we are able to maintain the dividend of \$1.00 per share without drawing upon the equalization fund. The sum left to be carried forward is small, but it is not anticipated that the expenditure for repairs will be heavy during the current six months, most of our steamers falling due to be docked in the early part of the year. Turning to the balance sheet, I may explain, with reference to the item "Shares in public companies," that during the half-year certain new issues were taken up, and although it was deemed prudent when closing the accounts, to adjust values by the transfer of \$13,068 from the investment fluctuation account, that amount, I am pleased to say, has since been more than recovered by the recent rise in market rates. The properties mortgaged to the company have just been revalued by Messrs. Palmer and Turner, and the valuations all show very satisfactory margins upon the sums advanced. I do not think there is anything more which calls for explanation, so, unless there are any questions to be answered, I will propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

No questions were asked and the chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Lewis seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Tester, the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson was confirmed in his reappointment to the board of directors, and Messrs. N. A. Siebs and A. Haupt, retiring directors, were re-elected.

Mr. Ellis moved, and Captain Clarke seconded, the re-election of Messrs. A. O'D. Gordin and W. H. Potts as auditors of the Company, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman—Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. This was all the business.

COMMERCIAL.

Advices dated from Shanghai, on 10th inst., state:—Business reported:—Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 140½ for August, at Tls. 143 for September. Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. at Tls. 7.50 Langkats at Tls. 188/186 for September, at Tls. 186½ for October.

Business done direct:—Indo-Chinas at Tls. 66½. Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 144 for September, at Tls. 145½ for October, at Tls. 149/148½ for December. Sumatras at Tls. 68. Langkats at Tls. 185 cash, at Tls. 185 for August, at Tls. 192½ for December.

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

"Spectator" writing to the *China Gazette* on the state of the Shanghai share market during the period, 29th July to 4th August, says:—

A half-holiday and three whole holidays have intervened since our last report, leaving barely three ordinary business days for those who still sweated in the heat of Shanghai. It seems incongruous that during the present anti-paradise temperature one can actually buy Ice shares under par, at say, Tls. 21 per share. But, of course, in these things it is always the unexpected that happens, and rumour has it that all the Ice Company's ice has run hot, hence the cheapness of their stock.

Cotton Mills are still being inquired for; Ewos have been done at Tls. 50 for October, and Laokungmows at Tls. 60 for December. Kaipings have found buyers at Tls. 7.25, 7.50 and 7.65. Weeks at \$20. Sumatras at Tls. 68. Tugs pref. at Tls. 50. Gas Co. at Tls. 122.50 ex div. and China Sugars at \$135 in Hongkong. This Company has declared an interim dividend for 1905 at \$10 per share or 10%. Municipal Debentures (6%) are arm at Tls. 99, and Asior House Debentures (8%) are difficult to obtain at Tls. 105. The above are all cash quotations.

Speculators have been too oppressed by the heat to engage in any business worth mentioning. A few Langkats have changed hands at Tls. 187.50 for Cash, 190 for August and September, 191.25 for October and 195 for December. Hongkong Wharves have found buyers at Tls. 192.50 for Cash, 198 and 197.50 for October and 200 for December. There has been no movement in Indos, a couple of transactions at Tls. 66 and 66.50 for Cash being the only business done. Farnham's strengthened a little after the July Settlement, and shares have changed hands at Tls. 143 and 141 Cash, 144 August, 145 September, 146 October, 140 and 148.50 for December, whilst one reckless speculator has sold Farnham's at Tls. 150 for March 1906. Some people imagine they are able to look eight months ahead. It is rumoured to-day that Mr. Twentyman is not going home after all, and that he will remain in his old position as director of the S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd. We give the rumour for what it is worth, but we are inclined to believe it is not worth very much.

As regards our remarks on the July Settlement that it would not be finished by the 29th July 1905, it is strange that we should already be able to furnish proof of our con-

tion. It has been the talk of the town that a certain young man, who has undoubtedly more cheek than brains, got himself into a mess over the July Settlement. If he had only exercised ordinary business acumen and gone to a little trouble to find out the real state of affairs he need not now have gone to the trouble of advertising stuff in the papers, which only stamps him as a speculator of the character "heads I win, tails you lose." But he will not be let off so easily as all that.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 1/10 3/16
Do. demand 1/10 15/16
Do. 4 months' sight 1/11 1/16
France—Bank T.T. 2/39
America—Bank T.T. 45
Germany—Bank T.T. 1/2
India T.T. 1/2
Do. demand 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T. 7 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T. 8 1/2
Sov. 9 1/2
Sov. 10 1/2

Buying.

1 months' sight L.C. 1/11 3/16
6 months' sight L.C. 1/11 5/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 47
4 months' sight do. 47
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 1/11 7/16
4 months' sight France 2/43
6 months' sight 2/43
4 months' sight Germany 1/59
Bar Silver 27 9/16
Bank of England rate 24 1/2
Sovereign 10 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
Per picul
Yulwa New 1,170/1,200
" Old 1,250/1,280
" Older 1,300/1,350
" Oldest 1,400
Per chest
Latua New 1,145
" Old 1,112
H. 1,072
P. 1,090
" 750/1010

At the Lawn Tennis Tournament at Wimbledon F. L. Riscley and S. H. Smith, who had defeated the Victorians, N. K. Brookes and A. W. Dunlop, in the final of the doubles, met the present holders, F. F. and H. L. Doherty. The result of the contest was a win for the Dohertys by three sets to one. In the match for the Singles Lawn Tennis Championship the present holder, H. L. Doherty, beat the Victorian, Norman Brookes, by three sets to love. Doherty, who was in brilliant form, won his sets by eight to six, six to two, and six to four. May Sutton, an American girl, who is only 18 years of age, won the Ladies' Championship without losing a set throughout the tournament.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"PEKIN"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B.P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
Goods not cleared by the 20th instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 14th August, 1905.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENGLOE"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 22nd August will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29th August, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd August, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [836]

THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

FINE FRESH SAUSAGES

Made by our European Butcher.

ONLY 25 CENTS A LB.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [835]

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 16th August, 1905, at 11 A.M., at the Army Service Corps Pier, Arsenal.

The Steam Launch "AMELIA,"
Built of Teak wood.
Length 60 Feet.
Beam 10 Feet.
Draught 4' 6".
Depth 6 Feet.
Boil 6' 6" by 5'.
Engine, 7' by 14' by 10' C. compound.
Surface Condensing.
Speed 9 1/2 Miles.
About 3 years old.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [834]

NAVY CONTRACT.

TENDERS are invited for performing UPHOLSTERY WORK FOR H. M. DOCKYARD, Hongkong, for a period of Twelve Months from 1st September, 1905. Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hongkong, and should be returned not later than Noon on FRIDAY, 18th August, 1905.

A Deposit of \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) will be required when applying for Tender forms to be returned if the Tender is declined. Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [833]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship "SCANDIA,"

Captain Von Doehren, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [835]

FITZ GERALD BROS. GREAT CIRCUS COMBINATION.

INSTANTANEOUS SUCCESS OF THE MAMMOTH SHOW.

6,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

A DELIGHTED AUDIENCE.

ALL THE STAR ACTS BRILLIANTLY SUCCESSFUL.

1.—THE GREAT HERBERT TROUPE OF AERIAL TRAPEZE GYM-NASTS.

2.—THE LION PRINCE RIDING AN ELEPHANT.

3.—THE TIGER KITTY RIDING A PONY.

4.—THE ELEPHANT LIZZIE AND PONY OSCAR.

5.—THE SIX CHARMING YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BALLERINAS in their great success—"The Bismarck Grenadiers."

All Hongkong will shortly be humming with this distracting tune.

6.—DOCTOR GORDON, the wonderful diminutive strong man.

7.—MANZONI'S DOGS.

8.—THE SAGACIOUS PONY SILVER KING.

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY) TO-NIGHT, AND EVERY EVENING, TILL FURTHER NOTICE.

Doors Open at 8.15 P.M., Performance begins at 9.15 P.M., open air Concert by Orchestra at 8.15 P.M.

LOCATION: CAUSEWAY BAY.

Prices:—Boxes and First Chairs \$3; Second Chairs \$1; Stalls \$1; Gallery (Chinese only) 50 cents. Special rates for men of the Military and Naval Services.

MATINEES, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS at 4.15 P.M., when Children will be admitted to all parts of the Tent for 30 cents.

FIRST MATINEE: TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY). Box Plan at ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY.

Special Trains will leave the Post Office every few minutes direct to the door and will await passengers after the performance. A Special Tram runs to the Peak after the performance. GEORGE, Representative. Hongkong, 15th August, 1905. [836]

Intimations.

THE.

ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY, LD.

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AND

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BEG TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR EXTENSIVE STOCK OF

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AT

PRICES WHICH DEFY COMPETITION.

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DESCRIPTION.

CASH OR HIRE PURCHASE SYSTEM.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1905. [831]



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V.S.O.P. ... 28.00

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Even their cheapest quality is recommended by the Medical Faculty for Invalids and delicate people.

BUY THE GENUINE

"TANSAN"

BOTTLED BY

JAPANESE GOLD AND SILVER MINES.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIMITIVE INDUSTRY.

Recently the Government considered a scheme for developing the gold and silver resources of the Empire, and an effort is to be made to increase the output from the many mines that are being worked throughout the Japanese chain of islands. The new Mine Mortgage Act went into operation last month, and the Government regulations for the control of the Japan Credit Mobilier, Ltd., have been amended to enable the Government to put into operation the scheme for developing the mineral resources referred to. As a first step the Government has made it possible for mine workers to obtain funds at low rates, by asking the Japan Credit Mobilier to facilitate the advance of funds at a low rate of interest to gold and silver mines. To arrange matters the bank has organized a committee to investigate the condition of the mines. When application is made for the assistance of the bank, the committee's duty will be to investigate into the management of the mine, the quality of the ore produced, and other matters, and advances at a low rate of interest will be made if the committee thinks fit. With an advance of capital the mine can under the strict supervision of the committee until the debt is repaid. Interest charged is not to exceed 8 per cent. per annum, and the principal is to be repaid in annual instalment over a period not exceeding ten years. The gold and silver produced will be purchased by the Bank of Japan after examination by the Imperial Mint.

One or two gold mine concerns have already made application to benefit by this scheme, which, when in full operation, is estimated to increase the value of the annual production of gold and silver by ¥5,000,000. The annual value of gold and silver bullion flowing to the Bank and Japan is then expected to reach some ¥15,000,000 per annum, in addition to the bullion now being collected by the Bank in the interior of Japan, Formosa, and Korea by means of funds advanced at nominal interest.

When the war began last year, the Government became convinced of the necessity of placing the financial administration on a stronger basis. The increase in the production of gold and silver was considered of first importance, and Government took no time in making investigations. The leading mining experts opportunistically memorialised the Government on the same matter. In this memorial it was pointed out that the Empire was favoured with many promising gold and silver mines, which, however, owing to lack of capital, were still worked by the most primitive methods, making it impossible to fully develop their resources. The experts represented that the quality of the ore, etc., in these mines should be examined without delay, and means adopted to help mine owners worthy of assistance, by which the increase of the output would be greatly encouraged. The memorialists explained that from old times mining in Japan was regarded as the most hazardous of business enterprises. Miners were generally looked down upon as *yamashi* (speculators). Bankers and other capitalists kept away from this class of business men, with the result that most of the mines in the Empire continued in a primitive state, the mine owners became involved in debt, having raised loans at high interest. Scientific research in modern times had proved that mining was among the soundest and safest of investments, when digging and smelting were properly managed, and there was little doubt that the mining industry of Japan would greatly develop if assisted by cheap capital.

The memorialists also advised the Government regarding the advantages of a large smelting works centrally situated as a remedy for the present inadequate accommodation in this regard. With such works the ore produced in Japan, Manchuria, and Korea, could be collected and smelted on a large scale, and then the present annual production of gold and silver from the existing mines could be easily doubled.

According to a Tokyo Journal the output of gold in this country has shown a marked increase since the outbreak of the war. The yield last year was some 10 per cent. above that of an average year, and the increase during the current year has so far been greater than that of last year. In Kogoshima prefecture alone the output for this year is estimated at ¥10,000,000, or double that of 1904. The gold dust purchased in Korea by the Imperial Mint of Osaka during the last fiscal year amounted to 380 *kwamme*. When the method of collecting this improved, an extremely lucrative industry will be the result. At present Koreans engaged in the collection of gold dust are paid between 15 and 20 sen a day. The production of gold is also rapidly increasing in Formosa. During the second half of last year the output was 225,691 monme, valued at ¥861,145.—*Japan Chronicle*.

SOME QUEER FINDS.

A valuable dressing-bag, packed full of love-letters was found in a pond near Congleton some years ago, and promptly returned to its owner, from whose flat in Kensington it had disappeared twelve months before. A collection of engravings, ruined and recognisable only by their frames, were discovered in the St. Stephen's Green Pond, in Dublin, in 1886. When the dock-gates of the Dublin Grand Canal were being repaired, and the canal bed was exposed, a workman, seeing something sticking up among the reeds, discovered it to be an elephant's tusk. A boxful of chessmen was taken from a pond in one of the Leeds parks in 1897, and some years later in the same pond was found an empty primrose. Several lady's fans have been recovered from the Serpentine, in Hyde Park.

All sorts of queer articles are found in the park ponds of the metropolis and elsewhere during dragging operations. The greatest "catch" is purses—nearly always empty, the

explanation being that they have been thrown in by pickpockets after being rifled of their contents. The thief who threw a purse into the pond at Vauxhall Park, Bradford, was, however, not as sharp as he thought, for a bright new half-sovereign was concealed in the sudden leather. Considerable quantities of gold setting from which the jewels have been extracted, are come across in the ponds of London's parks, and probably still more "treasures" of the same kind lies hidden away at the bottom of the mud. A mummy hand was found in the Peckham Rye pond, and from another pond in South London two wigs (one dark, the other red) and a false moustache were taken. Crime, in fact, is responsible for much of the pond-searcher's harvest. From the lakes in the West End parks burglars' jemmies and other tools have been taken. The lock and part of the leather of a valuable jewel-case, stolen on the boat-train between Calais and Amiens, were found in a London pond nearly two years after the theft was committed.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Kohler, 14th Aug.—Bangkok 8th Aug. Rice.—B. & S.
Dagmar, Ger. s.s., 963, C. Wolff, 14th Aug.—Bangkok 7th Aug. Rice and Gen.—B. & S.
Lucia Vittoria, Ital. s.s., 593, J. Boardman, 14th Aug.—Macao and Kwong-chow-wan 14th Aug. Gen.—Mussio & Co.
Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,714, S. Petersen, 14th Aug.—Bangkok 8th Aug. Rice.—J. & Co.
Henglo, Br. s.s., 1,993, H. W. Bee, 14th Aug.—Singapore 9th Aug. Gen.—G. L. & Co.
Persia, Aust. s.s., 3,997, P. Braghiotti, 15th Aug.—Trieste 26th June, Gen.—S. W. & Co.
Chiyen, Ch. s.s., 1,111, C. Stewart, 15th Aug.—Shanghai 11th Aug. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Waisheng, Br. s.s., 1,170, M. Courtney, 15th Aug.—Canton 14th Aug. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Stentor, Br. s.s., 4,308, H. Lewis, 15th Aug.—Shanghai 12th Aug. Gen.—B. & S.
Harote, Br. s.s., 2,670, A. Lee, 15th Aug.—Singapore 10th Aug. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Chiyen, for Canton.
Eastern, for Shanghai.
Kwanglee, for Shanghai.
Palamotta, for Amoy.
Silva, for Surabaya.
Hercules, for Kuchinotzu.
Taiman, for Manila.
Zuena, for Singapore.
Pekin, for Moji.
Waisheng, for Shanghai.
Hongwan, for Amoy.
Emma Luyken, for Sourabaya.
Aratoun Apar, for Singapore.
Wang, for Weihaiwei.
Scandia, for Yokohama.
Barite, for Newchwang.

August 15.

Tallman, for Hongkong.
Kimpot, for Macao.
Kiwahie, for Canton.
Pekin, for Kobe.
Tsiman, for Australian Ports.
Eastern, for Shanghai, &c.
Aratoun Apar, for Calcutta.
Saint Hugo, for Singapore.
Lita, for Sourabaya.
Waisheng, for Shanghai.
Kwanglee, for Shanghai.
Wotang, for Tientsin.
Palamotta, for Rangoon.
Emma Luyken, for Sourabaya.
Taiman, for Manila.

Passengers arrived.

Per Chiyen, from Shanghai—Capt. H. L. Fletcher, Mr. J. A. Martin, and 90 Chinese.

Shipping Report.

Str. Stentor from Shanghai—Light SW. wind, and smooth sea throughout.

Str. Yuensang from Manila—Moderate NE. winds, fine clear weather, moderate sea.

Str. Ronglee from Singapore—Fine and clear weather, and smooth sea, gloomy and overcast sky.

Str. Chiyen from Shanghai—Strong SW. monsoon to Turnabout, thence fine with slight SE'ly swell.

Str. Pekin from Bombay—Nothing of note occurred during voyage, had fine weather throughout, with favourable currents.

Str. Lucia Vittoria from Macao—Experienced light to moderate SW. wind, during the passage, with occasional showers of rain.

Str. Zaf-o from Manila—Light head winds till 4 p.m. on 12th instant thence moderate NE. breeze, with passing rain showers, and smooth sea till arrival.

Vessels in Port.

Anamba, Dan. s.s., 1,158, Cortzen, 10th Aug.—Bangkok 3rd Aug. Gen.—B. & S.
Andrea Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, H. Kohn, 10th Aug.—Bangkok 4th Aug. Rice and Wood.—M. & Co.
Battenhall, Br. s.s., 1,378, Chas. Raison, 20th Aug.—Sourabaya 20th July, Sugar, 20th Aug. Co. Ld.
Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Ch. Sisco, 4th Aug.—Chefoo 3rd July, Vefmicelli.—Wo Fat.
Chowfa, Ger. s.s., 1,055, F. Spiesen, 10th Aug.—Bangkok 4th Aug. Rice, Teak-square and Gen.—B. & S.
Poushing, Br. s.s., 1,423, T. Arthur, 3rd Aug.—Samarang and Ports 28th July, Sugar.—J. M. & Co.
Gaes, Nor. s.s., 625, Hans Dahl, 9th Aug.—Sourabaya 29th July, Sugar.—Order.
Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,000, H. Jügel, 30th July.—Sydney 15th July, Cocoa.—S. & Co.
Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 15th Aug.—Fochow 10th Aug. Amoy, 11th, and Swatow 12th, Gen.—L. & Co.
Helene Menzel, Ger. s.s., 984, K. Auer, 14th Aug.—Moji 6th Aug. Coal.—Order.
Hercules, Nor. s.s., 2,444, G. Blerck, 12th Aug.—Kuchinotzu 6th Aug. Coal.—M. B. K.
Hohenzollern, Ger. s.s., 6,660, O. Krasel, 20th July.—from Genoa, Ballast.—M. & Co.
Hong Wan, Br. s.s., 2,060, J. Slaker, 14th Aug.—Fenchang and Singapore 8th Aug. Gen.—Joo Teck Seng.
Hue, Fr. s.s., 705, Godineau, 13th Aug.—Quang-chow-wan 12th Aug. Gen.—A. R. M.
Ichang, Br. s.s., 1,228, W. L. Jones, 12th Aug.—Swatow 11th Aug. Gen.—B. & S.

Kutaang, Br. s.s., 3,109, R. C. D. Bradley, 13th Aug.—Shanghai 10th Aug. Ballast.—J. M. Co.
Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, 10th Aug.—San Francisco 8th July, and Manila 8th Aug. Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Nanhan, Br. s.s., 1,220, A. W. Brynall, 6th Aug.—Kohichang 31st July, Rice.—Chinese.
Nord, Nor. s.s., 730, G. araldsen, 13th Aug.—Canton 12th Aug. Gen.—Asgaard, Thorsen & Co.
Petraich, Ger. s.s., 1,252, C. Ahrens, 7th Aug.—Amoy 5th Aug. Ballast.—S. W. & Co.
Pronto, Nor. s.s., 838, K. Larsen, 12th Aug.—Haiphong and Hoibow 11th Aug. Sugar, Rice, Pigs and Balloons.—A. R. M.
Scandia, Ger. s.s., 3,135, W. v. Döhrn, 11th Aug.—Singapore 6th Aug. Gen.—H. A. E.
Sildra, Nor. s.s., 2,097, L. Christensen, 12th Aug.—Moji 6th Aug. Coal.—M. B. K.
Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,775, F. Wheeler, 12th Aug.—Calcutta 21st July, and Singapore 6th Aug. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Telemechus, Br. s.s., 1,300, J. Williamson, 11th Aug.—Saigon 7th Aug. Gen.—Chinese.
Thyra, Nor. s.s., 2,410, P. M. Toire, 3rd Aug.—Kuchinotzu 27th July, Coal.—M. B. K.
Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 14th Aug.—Manila 11th Aug. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

Eclipse, Br. ship, 2,269, McRyde, 31st July.—New York 14th April, Oil.—S. O. Co.
Pass of Brander, Br. ship, 2,020, W. J. Ryder, 28th July.—Philadelphia 14th April, Case Oil.—S. O. Co.
Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,618, R. Rodger, 14th Aug.—Manila 11th Aug. Gen.—S. T. & Co.
Zoraster, Br. s.s., 2,383, J. Evan, 12th Aug.—Moji 6th Aug. Coal.—B. & Co.
Zweena, Br. s.s., 1,740, J. Ewart, 1st Aug.—Rangoon 21st July, Kerosine.—Chinese.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Preussen	Singapore	M. & Co.	Aug. 16
Prinz Heinrich	Fochow	M. & Co.	Aug. 16
Kunhsang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Aug. 16
Ceylon	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Aug. 16
Eleus	Singapore	B. & S.	Aug. 16
Changsha	Sydney	B. & S.	Aug. 19
Tjirabi	Macassar	J. C. L.	Aug. 19
Ras Dara	New York	S. T. & Co.	Aug. 21
Aragonia	Japan	P. & A. Co.	Aug. 22
Laisan	Calcutta	M. & Co.	Aug. 28
Willehad	Sydney	M. & Co.	Aug. 28
Tatar	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Aug. 30

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Nord	Shanghai	Knabson Dock	
Hans Wagner	Shanghai	"	
Lauchan	Shanghai	"	
Tak Hing	Shanghai	"	
Chawai	Shanghai	"	
Wingchai	Shanghai	"	
Thyra	Shanghai	"	
Kunhsang	Shanghai	"	
Zweena	Shanghai	"	
Battenhall	Shanghai	"	
Sildra	Shanghai	"	

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—14th July—*Ulysses*, 19th July—*Barotse*, *Bengal*, *Freya*, *Pokahontas*, 28th July—*Alcinous*, *Sutokahall*, *Ernest Simons*, *Rhein*, 2nd August—*Swari*, *Gante*, *Funnan*, *Bendloch*, *Wray Castle*, 4th August—*Agamemnon*, 9th August—*Roon*, *Swanley*, *Sylvia*, *Slavonia*, 12th August—*Polynesian*, *Tenket*, *Longton*.

Homeward—28th July—*C. Ford Lester*, 2nd August—*Slam*, 4th August—*Pera*, *Ping Sway*, *Jaion*, *Silesta*, (Aust.) 12th August—*Palermo*.
Arrivals at Home—14th July—*Benalder*, *Bayern*, *Hudson*, 19th July—*Sagovia*, *Indrani*, 21st July—*Ceylon*, *Whampoa*, *Suria*, *Poon*, *Abercrombie*, *Preussen*, *Sagami*, *Falldon Hall*, *Sotopra*, 28th July—*Kinkick*, *Caladenten*, and August—*Benmore*, *Calchah*, *Sengambla*, *Danallan*, 4th August—*Bania*, 9th August—*Darmstadt*, 12th August—*Oceanian*.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:

Hoihow and Haiphong—Per *Pronto*, 10th Aug. 8 A.M.
Quang-chow-wan, Hoihow, Pakhol and Haiphong—Per *Hue*, 10th Aug. 9 A.M.
Bangkok—Per *Chowfa*, 10th Aug. 11 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Barotse*, 10th Aug. 11 A.M.
Tientsin, Chefoo and Newchwang—Per *Ichang*, 10th Aug. 3 P.M.
Saigon—Per *Bourbon*, 10th Aug. 4 P.M.
Quang-chow-wan and Luichow—Per *Lucia Vittoria*, 10th Aug. 5 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Persia*, 17th Aug. 11 A.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per *Fochow*, 17th Aug. 2 P.M.
Tientsin, Chefoo and Newchwang—Per *Ichang*, 17th Aug. 3 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per *Hal-ching*, 18th Aug. 9 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Manchuria*, 18th Aug. 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Prinz Heinrich*, 18th Aug. 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Yuensang*, 18th Aug. 3 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Kiwahie*, 18th Aug. 3 P.M.
Swatow, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per *Chihli*, 19th Aug. 3 P.M.
Singapore—Per *Stentor*, 19th Aug. 5 P.M.
Singapore, Fenchang and Calcutta—Per *Kunhsang*, 22nd Aug. 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Sydney*, 22nd Aug. 11 A.M.
Frederick, Wilhelmshafen, Herberstshof, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Prinz Silestad*, 22nd Aug. 11 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo—Per *Bungking*, 22nd Aug. 3 P.M.
Manila—Per *Teau*, 22nd Aug. 3 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of India*, 23rd Aug. 11 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Tjirabi*, 24th Aug. 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Zafiro*, 24th Aug. 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Malta*, 26th Aug. 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 2nd Sept. 11 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Tartar*, 13th Sept. 11 A.M.

Mails for Canton, Samshui, Wuchow and Macao will be closed on week days at 7.30 every morning. On Sundays the mail for Macao will be closed at 8 a.m., and that for Canton at 9 a.m.
Mails for Namto, Sanbue, Kongmoon, Kumchuk, Samshui, Wuchow and Canton every evening at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails will be closed at 9 a.m.
No mail will be closed for Canton on Saturday evening.

On and after 15th July, 1905, the rate of postage on letters from Hongkong and the British Postal Agencies in China to Australia will be at the rate for 4 cents for each half ounce instead of 2 cents as at present.
The rate of postage on letters from Australia to Hongkong and the British Postal Agencies in China will be reduced from 2d. to 1d. for each half ounce.

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